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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 10, 2007
Meeting Time: 1:00 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 4

Members Present: Rep. Greg Porter, Chairperson; Rep. Mara Candelaria-Reardon; Rep. Jeff Thompson; Sen. Teresa Lubbers, Vice-Chairperson; Sen. Ron Alting; Sen. Jeff Drozda; Sen. Richard Young; Sen. Connie Sipes; Sen. Timothy Skinner.

Members Absent: Rep. Timothy Harris; Rep. Paul Robertson; Rep. Robert Behning.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. The chairman reviewed proposed changes to the higher education resolution that was distributed at the last committee meeting. By voice vote the committee approved the changes and recommended inclusion in the final report.

Chairman Porter called on Irma Reinumagi, staff attorney for the committee, to describe PD 3211. PD 3211 would remove the stipulation that a student's eligibility for a higher educational financial aid award does not extend more than ten years after the date the student's initial award is granted. The committee approved the recommendation of PD 3211 by a voice vote.

Chairman Porter called on Chuck Mayfield, fiscal analyst for the committee, to describe the draft of the final report. The committee expressed concern about the availability of funding for remediation and special education for the Department of Correction. A motion was made to amend the Department of Correction juvenile education recommendation to be "The General Assembly should provide appropriate remediation and special education funding to the

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Department of Correction for juveniles.” The committee approved the change by a voice vote.

Senator Lubbers moved the approval of the amended final report. The motion was seconded by Senator Sipes. The motion was approved unanimously, 9-0.

The committee had a question about the September 13 minutes. In the minutes the following statement was made “Dr. Gonzales stated that a master’s degree does improve learning but continuing education is very important. “ The committee questioned if the minutes accurately reflected Dr. Gonzalez’s testimony on the subject. Dr. Gonzalez submitted an e-mail providing further clarification (see Exhibit A).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.